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On February 14, 1964, Mr. HARVEY CASH, American Consul, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, advised Special Agent ROBERT L. CHAPMAN that the list furnished Special Agent CHAPMAN by CASH on December 2, 1963, of persons entering and departing Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on September 26, 1963, and October 3, 1963, respectively, was furnished to him by Mexican Immigration and Customs officials as a complete list of entries and departures on those dates. The name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD appeared on the September 26, 1963, list of persons entering Mexico and the October 3, 1963, list of persons departing Mexico.

It is to be noted that CASH, on November 24, 1963, had furnished the data appearing on Mexican Immigration records, FM-11, at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, concerning OSWALD's entrance into Mexico on September 26, 1963.

Data on FM-11 pertaining to persons entering Mexico on September 26, 1963, as furnished by Mr. CASH, is as follows concerning OSWALD:

FM-8 Mexican Tourist Permit:	No. 24085
Name:	OSWALD LEE HARVEY
Sex:	Male
Age:	23
Marital Status:	Married
Nationality:	North American
Occupation:	Photographer
From:	New Orleans, La.

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Destination: Mexico, D. F.
Method of Travel: "SD" (explained by GILBERTO CAZARES GARZA, Chief of Mexican Immigration, as meaning "Sindatos", which indicates when the clerk typed the FM-11 regarding OSWALD, the mode of travel on the FM-8 was blank and she therefore typed "SD" on the FM-11.)

Mexican Immigration
Inspector: HELIO TUEXI MAYDON

FM-11 reflecting cancellation of Mexican tourist permits at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on October 3, 1963, as furnished by Mr. CASH, is as follows concerning OSWALD:

FM-8 Mexican Tourist
Permit: No. 24085
Name: HARVEY OSWALD LEE
Sex: Male
Age: 23
Marital Status: Married
Nationality: North American
Occupation: Photographer
From: Mexico, D. F.
Destination: New Orleans, La.
Method of Travel: "Auto."
Mexican Immigration
Inspector: ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA

On February 19, 1964, CASH advised Special Agents LEOPOLDO E. ARMIJO and ROBERT L. CHAPMAN that he still has in his possession verbatim copies of the Mexican Immigration records (FM-11's) entry of OSWALD into Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26, 1963, and his departure at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on October 3, 1963, which copies were prepared by Assistant Chief of Mexican Immigration ARNOLDO TIJERINA. CASH furnished this information to Special Agent CHAPMAN on November 24, 1963. This record shows OSWALD was traveling by "Auto." when he reached the Mexican border at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963. CASH stated it was his opinion that

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"Auto." in Spanish was a complete word meaning automobile, but, upon reflecting on this matter, stated it could be the abbreviation for autobus.

On February 19, 1964, Special Agents LEOPOLDO E. ARMIJO and ROBERT L. CHAPMAN, Mr. CASH, GILBERTO CAZARES GARZA, Chief of Mexican Immigration at Nuevo Laredo, and TIJERINA together reviewed FM-11 concerning the entry of OSWALD on September 26, 1963, and also the FM-11 concerning the departure of OSWALD on October 3, 1963. These records are as set forth above, and show that OSWALD was traveling by "Auto." when he arrived at the Mexican border from Mexico City on October 3, 1963.

According to GARZA, ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA, Mexican Immigration official who cancelled OSWALD's tourist permit on October 3, 1963, was not available for interview since he was on vacation until February 21, 1964, and CHAPA's location was unknown to GARZA. GARZA commented that CHAPA recalls nothing concerning OSWALD or the particular events of October 3, 1963.

It is noted CHAPA was interviewed on November 25, 1963, by Special Agent HAROLD H. CROSSETT of the San Antonio FBI Office, and he could not recall anything concerning the departure of OSWALD from Mexico.

Mr. GARZA continued, explaining that the routine on October 3, 1963, and at the present, is that tourist permits of persons leaving Mexico at Nuevo Laredo by bus and automobile are collected at Kilometer 26. This is a Mexican Immigration and Customs station located 26 kilometers from the city limits. According to GARZA, when the tourist is traveling by bus, an inspector from Mexican Immigration boards the bus and collects all tourist permits of everyone on the bus who is required to have one. Mexican Customs at this same station, Kilometer 26, examines the luggage of the bus passengers. If the tourist is traveling by automobile, the Mexican Immigration official collects his tourist permit, and Mexican Customs checks the luggage. If the tourist is traveling by train, the permit is collected at the train station, and, if traveling by air, at the airport.

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GARZA also stated that CHAPA was the Inspector who stamped OSWALD's tourist permit on October 3, 1963. These permits are then placed in the outgoing box and are taken to GARZA's office located in the Immigration and Customs Building, International Bridge, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. These permits are taken to GARZA's office at the end of each day. The next day clerical personnel enter information thereon into FM-11 Ledger Book. According to GARZA, in the case of OSWALD, CHAPA did not note on OSWALD's tourist permit at the time he cancelled it on October 3, 1963, the mode of travel, thus accounting for the reason why the tourist card of OSWALD did not reflect mode of travel. The clerk who recorded the cancellation in the FM-11 noted the mode of travel was "Auto." According to GARZA, this clerk was ROSA MARIA SOLALINDE and her initials appear at the bottom of the typed page of FM-11 showing name of "HARVEY OSWALD LEE." GARZA stated that from SOLALINDE's initials, "RMSR", he knew she was the person who typed the FM-11 showing cancellation of FM-8 24085 on October 3, 1963.

ROSA MARIA SOLALINDE, on February 19, 1964, advised Special Agents ROBERT L. CHAPMAN and LEOPOLDO E. ARMIJO in the presence of CASH, GARZA, and TIJERINA, that she did not recall making the entry in the FM-11 on OSWALD and did not know why she entered "Auto." on this FM-11. Normally she only records the information that appears on the FM-8 when typing the FM-11. Since copies of the FM-8's are sent to Mexico City, SOLALINDE could not tell whether she had made any additional such mistakes. She said that to her "Auto." means automobile and if it was autobus, she would have written autobus.

On February 29, 1964, GILBERTO CAZARES GARZA, supra, advised that ROSA MARIA SOLALINDE is a clerk who works on the second floor of the Immigration Building at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and has no contact with tourists or persons entering or departing Mexico in connection with her official duties.

On February 29, 1964, SOLALINDE advised Special Agents CHAPMAN and ARMIJO in the presence of GARZA, CASH, and TIJERINA, that she does not know nor has ever met LEE HARVEY OSWALD. SOLALINDE said she does not know why OSWALD's name was not in alphabetical order and does not know why it was written "HARVEY OSWALD LEE" on the FM-11.

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GARZA continued, advising that Clerk SOLALINDE was wrong in making this entry of "Auto." since it was not so recorded on the FM-8 of OSWALD by Inspector CHAPA when OSWALD arrived at the border on October 3, 1963, and that Mexican Immigration headquarters in Mexico City has been so advised that this was a mistake on SOLALINDE's part since she had no idea how OSWALD was traveling. According to GARZA, the actual mode of travel of OSWALD when he arrived at the Mexican border October 3, 1963, is unknown to Mexican Immigration officials at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. He further stated his records in Nuevo Laredo are copies of the FM-11 and that the original is in Mexico City, as is the FM-8 of OSWALD cancelled at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963.

It is to be noted the name "OSWALD" appeared on passenger manifest of Transportes Frontera, Mexican bus line, of bus leaving Mexico, D. F., October 2, 1963, and arriving Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, October 3, 1963.

Interlocking
It is to be further noted Transportes Frontera Bus Line does not cross the International Bridge into Laredo, Texas, but has its bus station at the International Bridge on the Mexican side. Therefore, a passenger on a Transportes Frontera bus could have walked across the International Bridge to Laredo, Texas, which is approximately three blocks, or taken a taxi, since no shuttle bus operates across the bridge.

On February 11, 1964, H. O. DOLGNER advised Special Agent ARMIJO he is a bus driver for Continental Trailways, and on October 3, 1963, he drove the Trailways bus from Laredo, Texas, to Corpus Christi, Texas, leaving Laredo at 7:25 a.m., and arriving in Corpus Christi, Texas, at 10:05 a.m. He added that this bus goes by way of Alice, Texas.

Upon viewing a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, DOLGNER advised that this individual was not on his bus on October 3, 1963, or any other time. He stated that this morning run is usually light with passengers and if OSWALD had been on that bus, he would remember him.

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He was exhibited a photograph of JACK RUBY and stated he did not know this individual and stated that he had never seen him before.

Concerning the question as to whether OSWALD was actually in an automobile when he crossed the Mexican border at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on October 3, 1963, this has not been determined from records and sources available.

Similarly, from information and sources available at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, it has not been possible to determine who might have been in any automobile with OSWALD at the time he crossed the border or thereafter.

The list of names obtained on December 2, 1963, from Mr. CASH of persons entering Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26, 1963, except that of OSWALD, was set out in the report of Special Agent JOHN M. KEMMY dated December 4, 1963, at San Antonio. A list of names of persons departing Mexico on October 3, 1963, by bus and by unknown means, with the exception of OSWALD, was set out in Special Agent KEMMY's report. This was done in view of the information set forth above concerning the name "OSWALD" appearing on manifest of Transportes Frontera Bus Lines of bus arriving Nuevo Laredo October 3, 1963. Names of persons departing by other means on October 3, 1963, were not set out in Special Agent KEMMY's report.

The list of names of persons entering Mexico on September 26, 1963, as obtained from CASH, was set out in its entirety with this exception of OSWALD's name since the fact of OSWALD's travel by bus to Mexico City was not known at that time. This was done to determine his mode of travel. It was subsequently determined that he traveled from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City by Flecha Roja (Red Arrow) Bus Lines and some fellow passengers were located and interviewed.

The information pertaining to OSWALD's entry into Mexico on September 26, 1963, and departure on October 3, 1963, was not set out in Special Agent KEMMY's report since this information had been reported elsewhere.

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According to GILBERTO CAZARES GARZA, Chief of Mexican Immigration at Nuevo Laredo, the FM-5 is a Mexican Immigration tourist permit for persons over 15 years of age that is good for six months. The FM-8 is a Mexican Immigration tourist permit that is good for 30 days at the present time. When obtained by LEE HARVEY OSWALD on September 17, 1963, at New Orleans, Louisiana, this permit was good for 15 days only. The FM-8 originally was issued for five days only. GILBERTO CAZARES GARZA advised Special Agents CHAPMAN and ARMIJO in the presence of CASH and TIJERINA on February 29, 1964, that the Mexican Immigration Service has numerous types of permits and questionnaires, of which the FM-5 and FM-8 are only two of seventeen such permits or questionnaires. GARZA stated that the bulk of persons entering Mexico are tourists and enter under the FM-5 or FM-8 tourist permits.

GARZA stated that the FM-11 is a form for recording the statistical data for a 15-day period of persons entering and departing Mexico in all categories, either Mexican nationals or foreigners. GARZA stated that the FM-11 is typed daily and contains only the information taken from the FM-5, FM-8, or from any other type of permit being used by the person entering or departing Mexico. The FM-11 is typed daily for a period of 15 days and then this 15-day record of all persons entering or departing Mexico at Nuevo Laredo is forwarded to the Mexican Immigration Service Headquarters in Mexico City. GARZA stated he has five days from the end of the 15 day period in which to forward the FM-11 to Mexico City.

GARZA furnished a mimeographed copy of instructions as to the use of Immigration forms. This list sets forth FM-1 through FM-17 and explains each form and its use.

Photostats of the originals of FM-11's showing entries into Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26, 1963, for persons traveling with FM-5 and FM-8 tourist permits and Photostats of the originals of FM-11's showing departures from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963, for persons traveling by FM-5 and FM-8 tourist permits, as obtained from Mexican Immigration in Mexico City, were exhibited to GARZA. GARZA compared these Photostats with the copies of the FM-11's of persons entering Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26, 1963, with FM-5 or FM-8 tourist permits and with the copies of FM-11's in Nuevo Laredo of persons departing Mexico at

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Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963, with FM-5 and FM-8 tourist permits. GARZA advised that the lines drawn on the FM-11's were drawn at Mexico City and that they do not appear on his copies. He stated he did not know the significance of the lines, except to separate dates, it being noted that on the Photostat of the original of the FM-11 showing the FM-5 entries on September 26, 1963, the line appears between Nos. 367 and 368 and that all entries above the line are for September 25, 1963, while those below are for September 26, 1963. The same applies to the line drawn on the second page of the Photostat of the FM-11 and the name below the line drawn between Nos. 399 and 400 reflects that a person with that name entered on September 27, 1963.

On the Photostat of the originals of the FM-11 for recording the FM-8 entries on September 26, 1963, the line between Nos. 761 and 762 likewise shows that the name above the line entered Mexico on September 25, 1963. The line drawn on the last page between Nos. 835 and 836 reflects that the names below the line entered Mexico on September 27, 1963. GARZA advised the same appears to be true on the Photostat of the original of FM-11 recording the FM-5 departures on October 3, 1963, and that the line between Nos. 78 and 79 would indicate that the names above the line departed Mexico on October 2, 1963. This would also be true for the line between Nos. 118 and 119. The names listed below this line are persons who departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 4, 1963. GARZA advised that the Photostat of the original of FM-11 showing the FM-8 departures on October 3, 1963, contains a line between Nos. 75 and 76. It is his opinion that all names above the line departed October 2, 1963; those below the line departed October 3, 1963.

The line between Nos. 99 and 100 appears to be a line drawn by someone to show information pertaining to "HARVEY OSWALD LEE." GARZA again stated that this line was not drawn in Nuevo Laredo and is not shown on his copy of FM-11.

On the same page the lines between Nos. 85 and 86, GARZA advised, were drawn on his copy, and they show the typographical error of repeating the name of DALLAS ZELMA CLINE.

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The line drawn between Nos. 114 and 115 on the last page, according to GARZA, is for separation of dates. Those names below the line are those of persons who departed Mexico on October 4, 1963.

GARZA advised that at the top of the page of Photostat reflecting entry of persons holding FM-8 and FM-5 tourist permits on September 26, 1963, is the word "Entrada" (entry), and the form itself contains the caption "Movimiento de....." On entries, the word "Entrada" is written in on the caption. On the Photostats of originals of the FM-11's recording FM-5 and FM-8 tourist permit exits on October 3, 1963, the word "Salida" (departure or exit) is placed in the caption, and shows the departure or exit of persons from Mexico on that date.

GARZA advised that Column 16 of the copy of the FM-11 maintained in Nuevo Laredo by him is blank. All of the information contained under Column 16 has been added by the office of Mexican Immigration Headquarters at Mexico City, with the exception of the first page of the FM-11 showing FM-8 entries on September 26, 1963, Nos. 762 through 780, reflecting the initials of the Mexican Immigration Inspector who stamped the FM-8 on September 26, 1963. He stated these initials were inadvertently typed under Column 16 and should have been under Column 14.

GARZA advised that he could not further explain Column 16 since this information is recorded by Mexican Immigration Headquarters at Mexico City and that the date September 16, 1963, contained under Column 16 on the Photostat of the original of FM-11 showing entry of OSWALD on September 26, 1963, and departure on October 3, 1963, could not be explained by him. GARZA volunteered that September 16th is Mexican Independence Day and is a holiday in Mexico, on which day Government offices are closed.

Concerning the single-letter entries in Photostats of originals of FM-11's, Column 4 pertains to the "sex." Abbreviations are as follows, according to GARZA:

"M" - "mujer" (woman)

"H" - "hombre" (man)

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Column 7 pertains to "marital status." Abbreviations are as follows, according to GARZA:

- "C" - "casado" or "casada" (Married)
- "S" - "soltero" or "soltera" (single)
- "D" - "divorciado" or "divorciada" (divorced)
- "V" - "viuda" (widow)

The "ff.cc." entries in Column 13 stand for "ferrocarril" which means railroad, indicating travel by railroad, according to GARZA.

GARZA further advised that the complete information concerning all types of Mexican Immigration permits and all of the statistical data recorded on FM-11 are sent to Mexican Immigration Headquarters, Mexico City, and can be obtained through that office.

GARZA stated that his copies of FM-11's maintained at Nuevo Laredo contain the same identical information as the Photostats of the originals of the FM-11's maintained in Mexico City with the exception of the information appearing in Column 16, noted above, and the lines drawn on the Photostats of the originals of the FM-11's as noted above.

Since the FM-11 copies at the Mexican Immigration Office, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, are identical with Photostats of originals of FM-11's, with noted exceptions, the information on the originals of FM-11's is being set forth as follows:

Entry of persons into Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on September 26, 1963, holding FM-8 Mexican tourist Permits: